

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are in this case. Claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner further pointed out several objections to claims 1-17.

Claims 1-17 are hereby canceled without prejudice and are replaced by new claims 18-27.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because Figure 1 contains partial views. Figure 1 is hereby canceled. Amended drawing sheets 1/2-2/2 are attached herewith; Figures have been renumbered. The Specification is herein amended appropriately for consistency.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are now free from the informality mentioned by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specification

A reference to Applicant's provisional patent application (PPA) is provided in response to the statutory requirement that Applicant insert a reference to Applicant's PPA. As previously stated the specification is herein amended appropriately to be consistent with the cancellation of Figure 1. Specifically, former reference numbers 11-14 have been mapped to 21-24 respectively. The Applicant corrects "tables" to "reference characters" on page 13 line 2 as required by the Examiner as well as similar corrections on page 20. The Applicant further corrects a number of minor errors in word usage.

Rejections under § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner in addition objected to claims 1,3,4,6,7,8,10,12,13 and 14 for insufficient antecedent basis or otherwise vague limitations. The Examiner further rejected claims 1-9 and 13-17 for omitting essential steps.

While continuing to traverse the Examiner's rejections, and without in any way prejudicing the patentability of the rejected claims, the Applicant has, in order to expedite the prosecution, chosen to amend the claims. The Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 1-17 and submit substitute claims 18-27, thereby rendering moot the Examiner's rejections.

Independent Claim 18 , as well as parallel independent claim 25, combines the limitations of canceled claims 1 and 3 and as well the essential steps pointed out by Examiner, “presenting to the customer a questionnaire for completion (page 14 lines 18-23) and “conducting an automatic search” (page 16 lines 4-10).

Support for dependent claims is indicated below:

claim 19: page 8 line 21, Figure 1 reference 23

claims 20,26: page 1, lines 11-12, page 16 lines 1-3, 20

claim 21: page 13, lines 20-23, Figure 1 reference 25

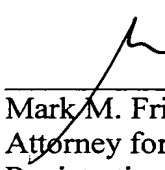
claim 22: page 16, lines 5-9

claim 23: page 17, lines 11-16

The Applicant wishes to point out that Dasan US patent 5,761,662, as cited in Notice of References Cited, is not directed at providing a customized software library which retains the format of the original digital documents.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 18-26, are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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